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(57) Abstract

The invention relates to a novel enzyme, histidine protein phosphatase, which is derived from mammalian sources, and its homologue variants. The invention further relates to DNA sequences encoding said proteins, to a process for preparing the latter, and to antibodies directed against them. The novel phosphatase can be used for diagnosis of pathological states of cell regulation and cell growth and as pharmaceutical drug which can be administered in conjunction with pathological disorders related to malfunctions of said enzyme.